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For: **VALVE FOR USE IN CONTAINERS HAVING VALVE STEMS SLIDABLY MOVABLE WITHIN ROUND-EDGED SEALING RINGS**

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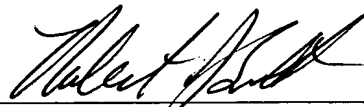
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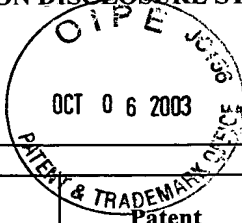
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